



MINUTES
OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING
August 13, 2009 @ 9:30 A.M.
ABP Board Room – Little Rock

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary
Carolyn Robinson, Member
John Felts, Member
John Belken, Member
Joe Peacock, Member

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON(S):

James L. Williams, II, Attorney
Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon H. Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, ABP

OTHER ATTENDEES

Ronald Dobbs, Assistant Director, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Jeff Tillman, Asst. Director of Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Solomon Graves, Computer Support Specialist/ACA Coordinator, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Parole Services, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Supervisor - Revocation, ABP

CALLED TO ORDER

The *Chairman* called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 30, 2009

Carpenter moved. *Felts* seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Graves reported on the following:

- ACA Conference - The Chairman, or designee, will be appointed to the committee that will revise ABP standards.
- Board photos
- Reminded Board about Searcy PO visit on 8/13 and gave directions
- Updated Board on status of new cell phones
- The microphones/PA system will be upgraded. New microphones will be installed

Units from Arkansas that gained Accreditation in Nashville:

ADC

Tucker Max
Cummins
Ouachita Rive
Training Academy

DCC

NWA Community Correction Center - 100% received on their initial accreditation.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Felts was requested to coordinate a meeting with the Board and RSVP officials to discuss the program and various sex offense cases. Mr. Barnes will be invited also.

Mr. Don Barnes will be invited to next full board meeting to discuss the new laws that will impact the board.

Over 200± inmates met the criteria of being released under Act 363. The Board will be meeting with Mr. Roberts and his staff to discuss the implementation of releasing these inmates under this new act.

Ms. Ellingburg reported that Ms. Kendra Armstrong has been hired as the new IRO at the Varner Unit.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The victim input hearing listing was reviewed.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Mays moved.

Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN

SIGNATURE ON FILE

RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FIRST BOARD VOTE RATIFICATION**

AUGUST 2009

UNITS:	RATIFIED (X)
DELTA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRIMES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MCPHERSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER MAX.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: RICHARD L. MAYS, JR. **SECONDED BY:** ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

RATIFICATION DATE: AUGUST 13, 2009